

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY  
COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING  
WORK MEETING**

**MARCH 26, 2015; 5:12 P.M.**

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

**MAYOR BOB STEVENSON, JOYCE BROWN,  
TOM DAY, SCOTT FREITAG, JOY PETRO AND  
JORY FRANCIS (via telephone)**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**ALEX JENSEN, TRACY PROBERT, KENT  
ANDERSEN, JAMES (WOODY) WOODRUFF AND  
THIEDA WELLMAN**

**The meeting was held in the Council Conference Room of the Layton City Center.**

Mayor Stevenson opened the meeting and turned the time over to Staff.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**CITY LOGO**

Kent Andersen, Community and Economic Development Deputy Director, showed slides and presented information about two alternatives to the City's new logo. He explained the significance of the tag-line, "Community, Prosperity, Choice."

Council and Staff discussed different aspects of the tag-line.

Kent reviewed some of the comments that were received on the logo.

There was discussion about the two alternatives and various color options. There was discussion about including the word "City" on the logo.

Kent indicated that Staff would like to move forward with a new logo and would like feedback from the Mayor and Council on their preference.

**Councilmember Freitag arrived at 5:29 p.m.**

Mayor Stevenson asked if the second logo should be sent back to the focus group for evaluation.

Councilmember Freitag expressed concerns with the blue color not being consistent in all copies.

Councilmember Petro indicated that the color number could be exact.

Consensus was to move forward with Concept 2, color variation D, which included Layton in blue and gold arches above.

Mayor Stevenson suggested doing a couple of magnetic signs that could be placed on vehicles for review. He suggested having Public Works make a street sign for review.

Discussion suggested taking the tag line off of the signage for vehicles and signs.

## **2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

Tracy Probert, Finance Director, reviewed budget information for the Five Year CIP Plan, which included projects proposed over the next five years, and those that were unscheduled. He indicated that there were a lot of projects in the unscheduled column in the streets division; \$22,000,000. Tracy mentioned laws passed by the legislature for a ¼ cent sales tax and a gas tax increase that would help funding of streets projects.

Tracy discussed fund balance in the water fund and how that was going down somewhat. He provided information on impact fees and fund balances in other funds. Tracy mentioned the Master Plans that were in some stage of completion. He said the Master Plans could change fee rates, impact fees, projects, and the priorities of projects.

Tracy presented information on individual department projects in the CIP. In the Finance Department he mentioned the new financial software system; in Management Services Facilities he indicated that there were several roofs and HVAC units that would need to be replaced. Tracy indicated that in Management Services IT division most projects didn't climb to the CIP level; they were typically funded out of operation budgets.

Tracy said in the Police Department a new police building and a firing range were included in the CIP. He explained how purchases in the Fire Department were usually large purchases, which were spread over several years. Tracy mentioned the new fire engine that, because of cost, was spread over a three year period. He discussed the money that was set aside for Fire Station #4 and the cost to man a new station and the cost of equipment.

Councilmember Brown mentioned that eventually the building would have to be built or the impact fees would have to be given back.

Tracy said that was correct, but he thought that was a few years away. He said the City could repurpose the funds to something else.

There was discussion about property tax increases.

Mayor Stevenson asked if increased property tax revenues could be accomplished without increasing the property tax rate, but holding it at the same rate.

There was discussion about how property tax was calculated and how holding the rate constant would increase revenues somewhat.

Alex Jensen, City Manager, said the City currently had a site on the east side of Highway 89 that had been set aside for a combination of a fire station, park and water tank location. He said the tank caused the City to reevaluate the area to see if they would all fit on the site. Alex said there was a piece of property to the south of the site that was owned by UDOT. He said the City had asked UDOT to consider declaring that site as surplus property and selling or trading it to the City. Alex said UDOT indicated that they would surplus the property. He said the City owned approximately 1.88 acres that was tied to the wilderness park at the top end of Oakhills Drive that could possibly be traded to UDOT for the other property. Alex said UDOT would eventually need the property to do an interchange at Oakhills Drive. He said it would be a great deal for the City.

Mayor Stevenson said the City still needed to look at Adams Canyon and enhancing the parking and

access.

Tracy reviewed CIP projects in the streets division.

Mayor Stevenson asked how much the Gentile Street and Gordon Avenue projects had cost the City.

Alex said he couldn't remember what the Gordon Avenue project cost, but Gentile Street was about 8 or 9 million dollars.

Mayor Stevenson asked where the funding had come from.

Alex said mostly from the general fund; the City had more funding during that time.

Mayor Stevenson said if the flyover by Kohl's went in, Angel Street would need to be improved on the north end.

Council and Staff discussed moving the connection at Gentile Street and Sugar Street to Angel Street, and making that a 4-way intersection.

Alex explained how the City was falling behind on street repairs and construction.

Mayor Stevenson asked if Staff knew what the impact of the optional sales tax would be.

Tracy said 1/10 of a percent should be about 1/10 of what the City already received, which would be an additional 1.2 million dollars.

Mayor Stevenson expressed the importance of selling the tax to the residents of Layton, and showing what the money would be used for.

Woody said he had calculated how much the City had spent on road improvements on the west side of the City. He said the City spent 17 million dollars from 2000 to 2014 on Hill Field Road, Gordon Avenue and Gentile Street.

Mayor Stevenson said if the City had 17 million dollars more right now, could everything be accomplished that they were looking at.

Tracy said the total amount in the CIP was about 30 million dollars.

Councilmember Brown said this didn't include ongoing maintenance.

Tracy said the City received about 2 million dollars a year in Class C Road funds. He said with the gas tax increase that would go up some. Tracy said a lot of that money was used on maintenance, but every year during the budget process there was always two or three times as much need for maintenance than there were funds available.

Woody said to keep up to date with maintenance would be around 3 million dollars a year; this year the City was spending less than half of that. Every year the City was falling behind on maintenance.

Mayor Stevenson mentioned things the County should be doing to improve funding.

Tracy presented detailed information about projects proposed in the street lighting fund.

Council and Staff discussed some of the projects.

Alex said very often projects that were planned for were put on hold because of development or other things. He said with all the new road projects UDOT had done in the City, the City had used money earmarked for other projects to install infrastructure on the new roads, which was a good use of money. Alex said with WinCo coming in, they would have to install a few street lights. He said it made sense to finish the street lights in that area to tie into Layton Parkway and Gentile Street, which would create somewhat of a corridor.

Mayor Stevenson said the process was dressing up the City.

Woody said the City also wasn't paying the lease fee to Rocky Mountain Power.

Alex said there was a provision in State Code that UDOT took advantage of. He said after UDOT put in roads, they turned everything that wasn't asphalt over to the cities to maintain. Alex said UDOT informed Staff that the City would have to take over maintenance of intersection lights that were UDOT roads. He said this was a great deal for the State.

Tracy reviewed proposed projects in the Water Division and Sewer Division.

Tracy reviewed projects in the storm sewer fund and identified projects that could be funded with impact fees.

Council and Staff discussed some of the proposed projects.

Woody said all of these would be updated as part of the Master Plan update.

Tracy reviewed Parks and Recreation projects, and pool projects.

Alex asked the Mayor and Council if there was anything they felt was missing.

Councilmember Freitag asked if there were any other parks being proposed.

Alex said there was funding for a neighborhood park in the 2019/2020 fund year.

Mayor Stevenson said parks were wonderful, but the City needed to develop things in parks to make people come to them and draw people to the area. He suggested something like an ice skating rink in Commons Park during the Christmas season; similar to the splash pad at Ellison Park.

Discussion suggested adding the Adams Canyon parking area and the hollow off of East Gentile Street to the list of projects.

Mayor Stevenson mentioned a gun range training area in conjunction with Hill Air Force Base and the County.

Mayor Stevenson asked where the next park would be located after the Greyhawk Park.

Alex said ultimately it would be up to the Council, but there was a park planned on the property east of Highway 89, one near the Boynton Road area, one in the Kays Creek Estates area, and Harmony Place; there were 4 or 5 sites that had been secured.

Council and Staff discussed other parks and trails in the City including Adams Canyon. They discussed possibly bonding for parks and trails in the future.

Councilmember Freitag mentioned putting shade near the splash pad in Ellison Park, and improving some of the play areas at the parks.

Councilmember Francis said there should be a focus on the parks and recreation programs.

Woody said one of the challenges with trails was connectivity across Highway 89. He said he had been talking with the Parks and Recreation Department about a pet bridge at about 3025 North, and putting a structure that would tie into the trail and allow pedestrians to go up and over to the Valley View Drive frontage area. Woody said in the future another connection could be made at Oakhills Drive. He said Holmes Creek would be a great place for trails. He said Staff was looking at doing a trail along Gordon Avenue and tying it into Andy Adams Park. Woody suggested the City pursue funding through some C-Mac funds.

Councilmember Day said a connection across Highway 89 at Oakhills Drive would be a good solution to Adams Canyon in a way, with some parking on the west side of Highway 89 near the water tank area.

Woody said that water tank would eventually be removed and replaced with the new tank near Valley View Drive.

Alex said a preliminary design had been done for the east side of Highway 89 for a parking area with a restroom near Adams Canyon. He said some of it would push onto Forest Service property.

Council and Staff discussed improvements on East Side Drive near Adams Canyon. They discussed UDOT improvements on Highway 89 and the frontage roads.

Mayor Stevenson asked if the City needed large 10-acre parks; would 4-acre parks be sufficient to meet the City's needs.

Councilmember Brown said the biggest want from the residents was sport fields, which required larger parks.

Council and Staff discussed the need for practice facilities and using the power corridor, which would allow for big open fields as practice areas; not necessarily to put in a lot of improvements but just open fields that could be used for practice areas.

Alex indicated that there were about 22 or 23 acres available in the power corridor.

Mayor Stevenson asked how Rocky Mountain Power felt about that.

Alex said in the past, they had always been amenable to working with the City on that.

Council and Staff discussed other open areas of the City.

There was discussion about building a better relationship with the School District.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Mayor Stevenson said on Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the rotunda at the State Capitol, there would be a ceremony recognizing Vietnam Veterans Day. He said the Governor would be there, and at the conclusion there would be an announcement about the Memorial that would be located in Commons Park.

There was discussion about the Memorial.

Councilmember Petro mentioned the need for a sidewalk on the south side of Highway 193, east of Hill Field Road to the commercial area.

Mayor Stevenson said the City talked with UDOT about that last year.

Woody said UDOT wanted the City to put together an offer that they could review and consider participating in.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.**

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Thieda Wellman, City Recorder